Welcome

ENGLISH HERITAGE
OSBORNE

Welcome to Osborne

Queen Victoria and Prince Albert spent as much time as possible at Osborne, with the royal children experiencing the joys of family holidays by the sea.

Today our estate is once again a haven of fun for the whole family. Here you can relax in beautiful historic surroundings, and learn new things with exciting hands-on experiences that bring alive the story of Osborne. Inside the house imagine being a guest and see the family's private rooms including the children's nursery. In the grounds, take a walk or a bus ride to the beach or discover the fun inside the newly refurbished Swiss Cottage.

Treat yourself to delicious freshly prepared food and drink in our wonderful cafes and restaurants.

WHAT CAN WE DO TODAY?

- Step inside the Royal Apartments and discover the splendour of this Royal Palace by the Sea.
- Queen Victoria loved India. Her role as Empress of India is celebrated through the portraits in the Durbar Corridor and ornate Durbar Room. Look out for the moving portrait of the Maharajah Duleep Singh.
- Take an intimate glimpse into the family life of Queen Victoria as you tour the private rooms. Imagine being a royal child as you walk through the nursery suite.
- Discover how the royal children played in the Swiss Cottage. Our little visitors can have hands-on fun too as they get to play within the cottage rooms.
- Follow the outdoor trail around the gardens where the Prince and Princess grew vegetables. Look out for their personalised wheel barrows in the tool shed.
- Don't miss the extraordinary items the royal children collected which are on display in the museum. Families can pick up an explorer bag here to help them.
- Paddle in the sea or simply enjoy an ice-cream sitting by Queen Victoria's bathing machine or in her alcove.
- Look out for the Red Squirrels as you follow one of the many walks around Osborne.
- Enjoy the ever-changing seasons in the walled garden, where fruit and flowers were grown for the house.

ENJOYED YOUR VISIT?

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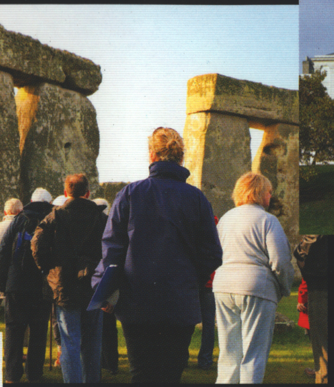

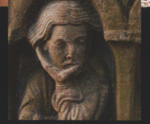

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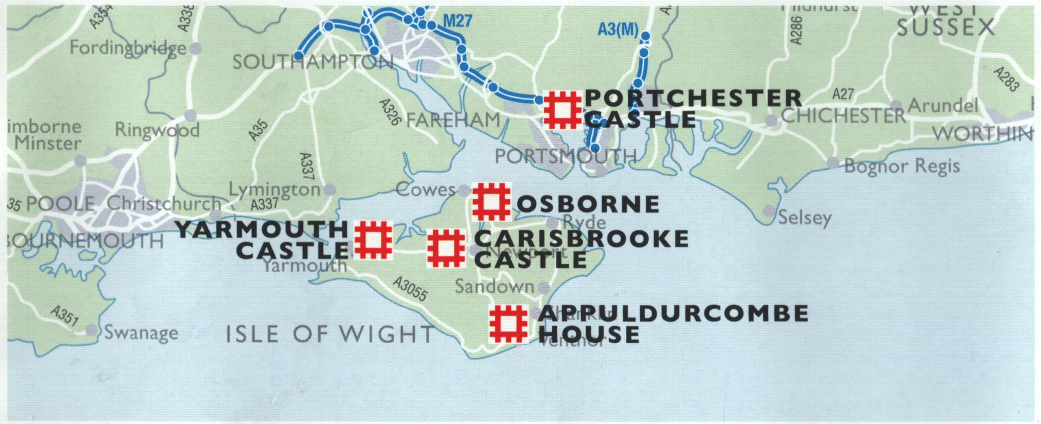
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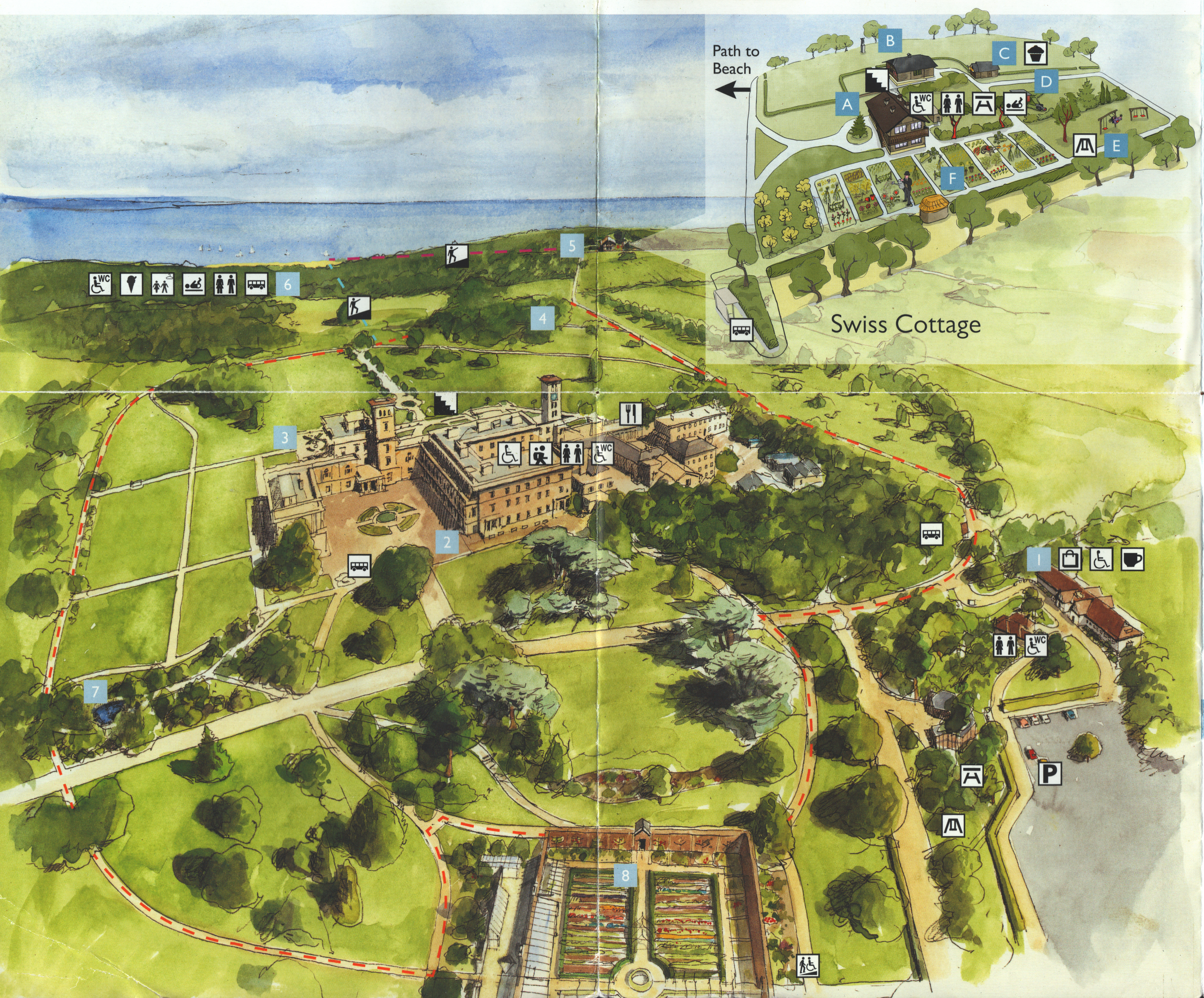

KEY TO SITES

1	**Petty Officers' Quarters** Admissions	2	**House entrance** Baby carriers available
3	**Terrace gardens**	4	**Ice house**
5	**Swiss Cottage and Museum**	6	**Beach** Queen Victoria's bathing machine, Alcove and beach café
7	**Reservoir**	8	**Walled fruit and flower garden**
A	**Swiss Cottage** Hands-on family exhibition & furnished rooms	B	**Museum**
C	**Gazelle House Cake Shop and Wild Flower Meadow**	D	**Victoria Fort and Albert Barracks**
E	**Play area**	F	**Royal children's garden plots and tool shed**

Suggested Walks

Ring Walk (compacted gravel)
Stop off at Swiss Cottage
20 minute walk from House

Rhododendron Walk (compacted gravel) 15 minutes walk between beach and Cottage

Valley Walk (partially over grass)
Beach 20 minutes walk from House

Facilities

Picnic area Picnic on grass anywhere in the grounds

Bus stops Seasonal

Play area

Petty Officers' Quarters café Soup, sandwiches & light snacks

Gazelle House cake shop Grab and go cakes & drinks

Steps

Baby carriers available

Toilets All toilet locations have an accessible toilet

Baby changing

Shop

Changing rooms for beach

Terrace restaurant Light lunches and afternoon teas

Beach café Ice cream, cakes & drinks

Parking

High chairs available at hot food venues

ACCESS INFORMATION

There is access for wheelchair users to the ground floor of the house, the ground floor of Swiss Cottage, and most exterior areas of the estate. Whilst we endeavour to provide lift access to the first floor whenever the house is open, there will be occasions when it is not available. Manual wheelchairs are available at the house. All toilet locations have an accessible toilet.

Manual wheelchairs available at the house

Accessible toilet

Wheelchair entrance

Assistance dogs welcome in all areas of the site

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